

Restoration Of Our Trees (ROOT)

*A pilot program to restore canopy cover to
areas impacted by the emerald ash borer*



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ROOT Program Objectives

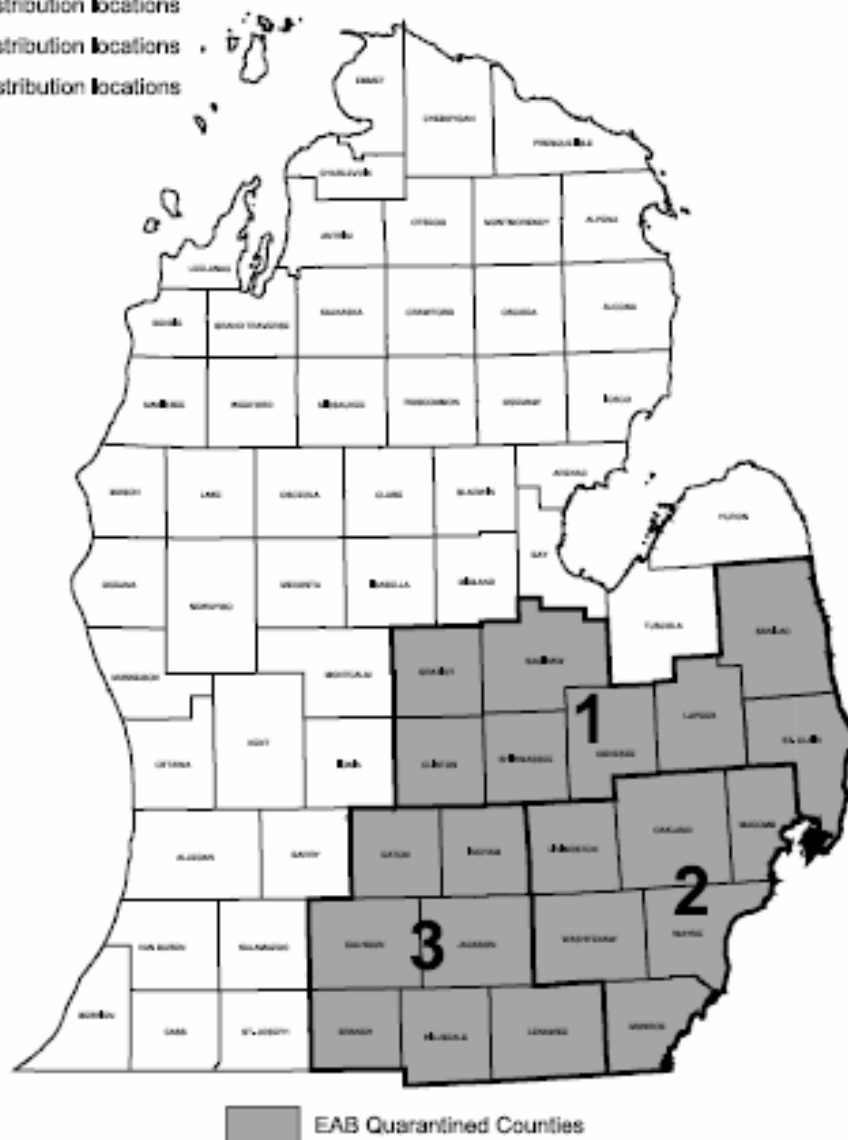
- ❖ Provide low cost, 6-8 foot tall, containerized landscape trees to homeowners impacted by the emerald ash borer
- ❖ Create investment through cost-share; by charging half the price of the tree to the homeowner, the program is both affordable and encourages tree care after planting
- ❖ Encourage diversity in the urban forest

ROOT Program Elements

- ❖ Eight locations in the 21 EAB quarantined counties will serve as regional tree distribution centers
 - ❖ Each of these eight locations will be administered by a Local Partner that will serve as the local program administrator
 - ❖ Each location will have at least 200 trees available for purchase

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- ❖ The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will obtain the 6-8' containerized tree stock through a bidding process
 - ❖ There will be no warranty or guarantee on the trees
- ❖ Homeowners will be responsible for paying 50% towards the purchase price of the trees and DTE Energy Foundation's contribution will cover the remaining 50%
 - ❖ Limit two trees per household
 - ❖ Homeowners will be given instructions on how to properly plant and care for their trees

Species List

- ❖ *Acer saccharum* Sugar Maple & cultivars
- ❖ *Acer rubrum* Red maple & cultivars
- ❖ *Ginkgo biloba* Ginkgo & cultivars
- ❖ *Liriodendron tulipifera* Tulip Tree
- ❖ *Quercus rubra* Red Oak
- ❖ *Tilia cordata* Littleleaf Linden & cultivars

ROOT Program Timeline

April 06	Tree Invitation to Bid released
May 06	May 12- Invitation to Bid Due
	May 17- Local Partner Meeting
June 06	June 7- Nursery Bids Awarded
	June 23- Local Partner Application Due
July 06	Local Partners Announced
August 06	Program Kick-off
Sept. 06- Jan. 07	Trees ordered by homeowner
April 07	Trees Delivered & Distributed

Local Partner Role

- ❖ Main role of the Local Partner (LP) is to serve as local administrator for the program.
- ❖ The LP will receive a \$1500 cost-share, reimbursement grant from the DNR to administer program & is eligible to purchase a maximum of 10 trees at the reduced cost.

Local Partner Responsibilities

- ❖ Promoting program in region that LP will be serving
- ❖ Handling and processing tree orders and all charges associated with order
 - ❖ The LP will take pre-orders for the 200 trees and collect the homeowner's share of the tree cost
 - ❖ The LP will be responsible for sending homeowner payment for trees and a count of the total number of pre-ordered trees to the DNR.

Local Partner Responsibilities

- ❖ Trees will be delivered in April 2007
 - ❖ They must be distributed by the LP within 7-10 days of delivery
- ❖ Local Partner selects site and date for tree distribution
 - ❖ Coordination of tree distribution with staff or volunteers.
 - ❖ Tree Distribution will be one-day event, approximately 6 hours on a weekend day

Local Partner Responsibilities

- ❖ Assist State in program evaluation
- ❖ Submit for reimbursement of \$1500 administration grant and documenting all income/expenses associated with ROOT program.

State of Michigan Responsibilities

- ❖ Create bid for trees and send out Invitation to Bid to nurseries
 - ❖ Select winning bid(s), order trees & pay nurseries
- ❖ Assist LP in program promotion & administration
 - ❖ Create spreadsheet templates for administration
- ❖ Evaluate pilot program
 - ❖ Distribute evaluations to LP
 - ❖ Select homeowners to rate overall program

Next Steps

- ❖ If your municipality/organization is interested in participating in the program...
- ❖ Complete the Local Partner application
- ❖ Submit to the DNR by June 23, 2006

?QUESTIONS?

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